GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PASSPORT OFFICES IN RENTED BUILDINGS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some passport offices in the country are functioning in rented buildings

(b) if so, the details thereof and the rental outgo from each of these passport offices during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government proposes to construct its own buildings for passport offices; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, there are 30 Passport Offices in the country out of which 17 are functioning from rented buildings. The details of rentals paid during the last three years are as follows:-

S.No.	Ppt. Offices	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
1.	Bareilly	2,16,296	2,16,296	2,16,296
2.	Bangalore	35,21,608	35,23,473	35,42,219
3.	Bhubaneshwar	2,40,000	2,40,000	2,76,000
4.	Bhopal	1,59,168	1,59,168	1,59,168
5.	Guwahati	4,61,460	4,61,460	4,61,460
6.	Jalandhar	8,82,000	8,82,000	8,82,000
7	Jammu	3,70,260	4,03,920	4,03,920
8.	Jaipur	31,50,000	31,50,000	31,50,000
9.	Lucknow	3,38,430	3,38,430	3,38,430
10.	Mumbai	1,59,96,000	1,59,96,000	1,59,96,000
11.	Pune	11,85,264	17,71,056	17,71,056
12.	Ranchi	3,47,724	3,47,724	3,47,724
13.	Tiruchirapally	6,10,380	6,10,378	6,10,376
14.	Thiruvananthapuram	6,84,268	6,31,632	6,31,632
15.	Thane	26,71,196	26,48,471	29,56,163
16.	Visakhapatnam	4,43,400	4,43,400	4,61,426
17.	Surat	11,77,176	11,77,176	11,77,176

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Construction of new Passport buildings is in progress in Lucknow, Bangalore and Jaipur. The Ministry has recently procured a plot of land for construction of its own premises in Mumbai. In Bhubaneshwar preliminary work to start construction of Passport Office has begun. In Guwahati, the mutation of the land in Ministry`s name is expected to be completed shortly. Jallandhar has submitted a proposal for procurement of land on auction basis. In Vizag, a plot of land has already been purchased and in Bareilly, built up property has been acquired from local Government agency. Efforts are being made to acquire/purchase properties for the remaining Passport Offices.